

Candler Fiancee Seeks Redress For "Slanders"

Mrs. Debouchele and Her
Counsel in Atlanta to
Learn Who Caused Coco-
Cola Man to Break Truth

Salesman Goes to Her Aid
Denies Story She Invited
Him to Her Hotel Room;
She Doesn't Recall Him

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
ATLANTA, Oct. 11.—There were several developments to-day in the situation created by the breaking off of the engagement between Mrs. O'Connell Debouchele, of New Orleans, and Asa G. Candler sr., and her arrival in Atlanta with the avowed purpose of obtaining redress for what she termed a "hideous slander" against her character. These developments were:

1. The declaration of Wilbur Leggett, in Los Angeles, that he is the "traveling man" referred to in charges that Mrs. Debouchele invited a certain man to her room in the Piedmont Hotel during the Confederate reunion here in 1919. Leggett is quoted in dispatches as declaring the charge to be a "damnable lie."

2. Asa G. Candler jr. and William Thomson, personal attorney for Asa G. Candler sr., refused to discuss the Leggett development, declining to state whether Leggett was known to the Candler family, and declaring that "we are not going to be drawn into a newspaper controversy with Mrs. Debouchele."

3. Mrs. Debouchele declared that she did not remember Mr. Leggett personally, but that he might have been one of many army officers at the Piedmont Hotel during the reunion.

4. Harry Gamble, New Orleans attorney, who is representing Mrs. Debouchele, arrived at noon to take charge of her case.

5. Mrs. Debouchele gave a detailed history of Mr. Candler's courtship, beginning with his introduction in the Piedmont Hotel lobby during the reunion and coming down to date.

Mrs. Debouchele herself said she did not remember any man by the name of Leggett, but that he might have been any one of a number of army officers who congregated at the Piedmont during the reunion and assisted in entertaining the sponsors, chaplains and other feminine visitors.

After a short conference with Mrs. Debouchele, Attorney Gamble gave out a short statement, in which he said: "What her remedy is a matter for the careful consideration of her attorneys. We shall in all probability conclude Georgia counsel."

Mrs. Candler's family did not succeed in swerving him from his intention to marry her until they took him to task against my character—and then what did they take?" asked Mrs. Debouchele.

His first objection was that I am Catholic and Mr. Candler is a Methodist. That did not seem to swerve him. Then they objected on the ground that I was a divorcee and his Church frowned upon divorce. I suppose he imagined them that no Church frowns upon divorce quite so sternly as the Catholic Church. Then they objected that I was a Latin, a descendant of mingled French and Spanish families, while he was a pure Anglo-Saxon product. Still they did not swerve him.

"So they decided that they would make him uneasy regarding the regularity of my divorce, and they sent Ezekiel Candler, the former Congressman from Mississippi, to search the court records in Reno and see if he could find a flaw in the proceedings. He reported back that the divorce was bomb-proof, that my divorced husband could not sue Mr. Candler for alienating my affections, and that I could not be prosecuted for bigamy."

"At last came the setting of the date for the wedding. The announcement by Mr. Candler to his family that he really intended to go through with the engagement. And then, in their final desperation, they concocted this absurd and preposterous story about my unsuccessful attempt to entice an unnamed traveling salesman into my room at night in the Piedmont Hotel in Atlanta during the Confederate reunion in October, 1919."

"The only coherent explanation they have ever given as to why this mythical person declined my invitation was that he was afraid of the hotel detective. They have not tried to explain

and cannot explain the fact that a lady was occupying the room with me at the very time and on the very night when I am supposed to have become so violently infatuated with this traveling salesman that I begged him to enter my room."

Pick McGeehan for Justice
Democrats Name Candidate to
Fill O'Dwyer's Place

The Democrats yesterday nominated Magistrate John E. McGeehan for Justice of the City Court to succeed Chief Justice Edward F. O'Dwyer, who died Monday.

Magistrate McGeehan, appointed in 1917, was given a ten years' term a year ago. During a recent absence of Chief Magistrate William McAdoo he acted in his stead.

It is understood that the Republicans will not nominate a candidate until next week.

Money Troubles of
Mrs. Giberson Seen
As Murder Motive

Prosecutor Says He Will
Show Woman Deceived
Husband on Bank Balance
and Payment of Taxes

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TOMS RIVER, N. J., Oct. 11.—William F. Giberson jr., County Prosecutor, declared to-day, in his opening address at the trial of Mrs. Ivy Giberson on a charge of murdering her husband, William F. Giberson, as he slept, August 14, that he intended to prove that she had been deceived for some time prior to the morning he was found "shot through the head" in his bed.

"The state will show," said Mr. Giberson, "that at the People's National Bank in Lakewood where Mrs. Giberson had charge of one of the checking accounts of her husband, she led her husband to believe that he maintained a balance of \$2,300, despite the fact that the actual balance was but \$2.82."

"We will show that although she drew a check to pay this year's taxes on their property and had marked the stub in the checkbook to that effect, the taxes never were paid."

"We will also show that in April of this year Mrs. Giberson led her husband to believe that she had obtained a position for him in the Secret Service of the United States government, and that he went to Mount Holly in that belief, waiting there for more than three months to confer with some supposed Secret Service operatives."

"Giberson was paid by his wife that he was to receive \$3 an hour for his service, and on August 12, two days before his murder, he returned to Lakewood and insisted that his wife make out his bill for his services; that she told him to bring the bill to John Kantgetten, an employee at the naval air station at Lakewood, and that Kantgetten had no knowledge of the transaction."

Frank Peterson, Louis J. Chasen and William E. Hill, who represented Mrs. Giberson's calls for help, testified to finding her bound with twine in the front hall of her home and that she told them a burglar had tied her up while his companion shot her husband.

Peterson said he was able to snap the twine about Mrs. Giberson's wrists with his fingers, and he and the other witnesses remembered seeing a valuable diamond ring on Giberson's finger as he lay in bed. Harold A. Ganun, of 1172 Hoe Avenue, New York, who, it was discovered after Giberson's death, had corresponded with Mrs. Giberson, was in the courtroom.

There are no women on the jury. The names of eight were among the fifty-two names drawn, but all of them were excused.

Sutton Jury Still Out
No Agreement at Midnight on
West Pointer's Trial

At midnight, last night, the jury in General Sessions had not yet reached a verdict in the trial of Major Redondo Sutton, West Point graduate, accused of issuing a false statement in a prospectus of the Pacific Minerals and Chemical Company of Delaware, of which he was president.

The case was given to the jury at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Judge Talley took more than an hour in his charge to the jury, following the running up of the case by Assistant District Attorney Whalen for the prosecution and George Gordon Battle for the defense.

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100 Defrauded Men Threaten To Lynch Oxley

Confessed Swindler Kept in
Tombs as Victims of
Home Building Scheme
Meet and Hear His Lawyer

Says He Can Make Good

Counsel Pleads Client Be
Given an Opportunity to
Start Anew, Repay Losses

Nearly one hundred men, victims of Alfred G. Oxley, president of the Sterling System Homes Corporation, of 1 West Thirty-fourth Street, gathered in the grand jury room of the Criminal Courts Building yesterday and voiced their indignation. Only a few were willing to give him a chance to make good.

Oxley already has pleaded guilty to swindling prospective home builders out of thousands of dollars and is awaiting sentence before Judge Mancuso. A copy of the stenographic report of what took place at the meeting will be given to Judge Mancuso.

When, during the meeting, it was suggested that Oxley, who is a prisoner at the Tombs, should be sent for to address the victims, the men said they "would take the law in their own hands" if they "got a chance at Oxley."

John T. Dooling, formerly Assistant District Attorney, and counsel for Oxley, declared he was sure Oxley could make good if he were given an opportunity to get out of jail and start anew. He said his client was one of the cleverest financiers he had ever met and he felt certain that Oxley could and would make good.

Many of the victims seemed to favor any course that would return their money to them. The sums invested by individuals varied from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Others declared they wanted Oxley punished whether or not they regained their money. A few shouted that they would hang Oxley if he put in an appearance.

Oxley's plea of guilty last summer was to grand larceny in the second degree. The total swindle, as estimated by Assistant District Attorney James J. Wilson, was not less than \$40,000. The Sterling System Homes Corporation was formed to deal in ready-made houses, varying in price from \$1,500 to \$2,500. Each prospective owner was required to pay 25 per cent of the cost of the house. The investors never got their money back, nor did they get the houses. Some of the men had started work on the foundations for the buildings they thought they were going to get. This was discontinued when mechanics' liens were lodged against the buildings by contractors.

Oxley, when he pleaded guilty, said he did not get a cent out of the scheme. Mr. Wilson said, however, that Oxley had withdrawn \$5,800 of the corporation's funds for his own use within six weeks. It developed at the time of his arrest that he was an ex-convict, having been sentenced in 1916 at Morristown to a seven-year term for forgery.

Only two more days of registration left!

Register to-day! Don't delay and avoid waiting in line!

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Creasy in Death Cell Pines for Lucky Coin

William Creasy, convicted recently in Mineola, L. I., of the murder of Edith Lavy, a school teacher, still has faith in the potency of his lucky coin, and is despondent in the death house at Sing Sing prison, because it was taken away from him with his other money and locked in Warden Lewis E. Lawes's safe.

It is a coin about the size of a quarter. Creasy said he had carried it for seven years, and it brought him good luck. It was taken from him for fear that it might be converted into a sharp-edged weapon or tool.

Hoodoo Trails

Slain Rector's
Congregation

carried a pistol on the night of September 14.

Just Fourth of July Run

"But it was only a blank cartridge single shot 22-caliber thing," said Lyons.

"They asked me about the story of Leon Kaufman that I had shown a gun to prove that I was not afraid of Nick Bahmer. I admitted it right away, but I told them just what kind of gun it was, and they got it from my house. I bought it the day before the Fourth of July to make a noise with. Since that time I have not fired any blanks, but while I was working in the lunch wagon near the Pennsylvania station at night I kept it by the cash register with the idea of scaring any hold-up men. Some pretty tough eggs would come in there at night. It was silly, but I some times carried it with me in a smoking pipe case. The night I met Schneider and Kaufman I had it stuck in my belt. When I spoke about it as a protection, Ray Schneider knew I was joking. I was laughing at him for being so worked up and scared of Bahmer."

There was real feeling and not mere rowdiness behind the outburst shortly after midnight last night when James Lyons, of 66 Morrell Street, punched Frank Kirby, a deputy sheriff, in the jaw and denounced him for what Lyons believed was Kirby's part in extracting a confession from Schneider implicating Hayes. A crowd of men and boys then began to hurl rocks, bricks and epithets at Kirby, who fled from what he conceived to be real danger.

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